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Biography: Democrat, of Detroit; born June 28, 1934, at Detroit; attended Detroit public schools; graduate, Central High School, 1952; Swarthmore College, 1956; Harvard University Law School, 1959; married Barbara Halpern, August 31, 1961; daughters: Kate, Laura, and Erica; private practice of law, 5 years; former instructor, University of Detroit and Wayne State University Law School; Michigan assistant attorney general and general counsel for Michigan Civil Rights Commission, 1964-1967; special assistant attorney general of Michigan and chief appellate attorney, Defender's Office of Legal Aid and Defender Association of Detroit, 1968-1969; Detroit City Council, 1970-1978, President, 1974-1978; elected to U.S. Senate, November 1978, and reelected November 1984, 1990, 1996, and 2002: Chair, Senate Armed Services Committee: ex officio, all subcommittees; member, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; member, the International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee, and Chair, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; member, Small Business Committee; ex officio member, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; first recipient, Alexandr Solzhenitsyn Award, Christian Solidarity International; Herbert H. Lehman Ethics Medal, Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Man of the Year Award; and Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan Distinguished Service Award, 1990; 2002 Christian A. Herter Award, World Boston; Distinguished Public Service Award, U.S. Navy; "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" Award, Taxpayers for Common Sense; 2001 COGEL Award, Council on Government Ethics Laws; 2004 Harry S. Truman Award for distinguished service in support of national defense, U.S. National Guard; 2006 Paul H. Douglas Ethics in Government Award, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois.